At *Haly-rude-houſe*, the ſeventeenth day of *January*, 1678.

FOraſmuch, as a conſiderable number of Brewers for themſelves, and in behalf of the remanent Brewers within the Town of *Edinburgh*, and the Shires of *Edinburgh* and *Haddingtoun*, have propoſed and deſired, that they may be allowed to ſell the Ale and Drinking-beer for this preſent year, at twenty pennies the pynt, with the addition of the Exciſe and Impoſition granted in behalf of the Town of *Edinburgh*: And ſeeing, according to the proportion ſetled by the late Act of Parliament, and Proclamations, for regulating the prices of Ale and Drinking-beer, when the Ale and Drinking-beer is ſold at twentie pennies the pynt, with the addition foreſaid, the Bear ought to be eight pounds ſcots the boll. And the ſaids Brewers have propoſed, that in regard they have ſome old Victual upon their hand not yet conſumed, ſo that for this year they cannot come the whole length of eight pounds, which is the Rule and Standard appointed by the Proclamation; and therefore deſiring the Council might diſpenſe therewith ſo far, as that they may be able to brew with ſome ſmall advantage: and ſeeing the ſaids Brewers have conſented that the price of the boll of good and ſufficient rough Bear, ſhall be ſeven pounds ſcots money, for all rough Beer that is to be browen and made in Malt of the Crop 1677. laſt by paſt; And it being moſt juſt and reaſonable, that all Brewers, great and ſmall, ſhould be in an equal and like condition, as to the price of the drink to be ſold by them, and the price of the Bear of which the ſame is made; which cannot be practicable, if they ſhould be permitted to buy Bear at different prices; in reſpect, theſe who buy Bear below the foreſaid price, may under-ſell theſe that do buy the bear at the ſame, and ſo may inhance and engroſs to themſelves the trade and benefit of brewing, to the prejudice and ruine of others; and for preventing the inconvenience and prejudice foreſaid, It is thought neceſſary, and is propoſed and deſired by the ſaids brewers, that the ſaid price ſhould be ſetled as a juſt and uniform price to be payed for this year by all Brewers and Malt-men, who ſhall buy Bear for brewing or making of Malt within the ſaid Town and Shires, and that of their own conſent they ſhould be obliged, and grant Bonds to the effect foreſaid. And becauſe divers perſons, who ſell and tap Wine, or are Cooks or Stablers, do brew; and upon occaſion of their Trades and Employments foreſaids, do tap and ſell Ale and Drinking-beer, browen by themſelves, whereby they may ſell their drink with greater advantage than other Brewers, that muſt ſhare and divide betwixt them and the Tapſters, the benefit that the ſaids perſons will have intirely to themſelves, and ſo may underſell the other brewers to their prejudice and ruine: and whereas, notwithſtanding of the ſaid Proclamation, the ſmaller brewers, whoſe ſurvey rolls were under two bolls, have not given bond to the Commiſſioners of Exciſe of the ſaid Shire to that effect, and obtained licence betwixt and the day therein appointed, and ſo have forfeited the benefit of brewing. The Lords of His Majeſties Privy Council, in proſecution of the ſaid Act of Parliament and Proclamations foreſaids, do hereby diſcharge any perſon or perſons, brewers great or ſmall within the burgh of *Edinburgh*, *Leith* and *Cannongate*, or ſuburbs thereof, or within the ſaids Shires of *Edinburgh* or *Haddingtoun*, to take upon them upon pretext of any former licence granted to them, or upon any other pretext or ground whatſoever, to brew any Ale or Drinking-beer, untill they firſt ſubſcribe the ſaid bond; and upon ſubſcribing thereof, obtain a licence for that effect from the Lords of His Majeſties Privy Council, or Committee appointed by them, which perſons, ſubſcribing the ſaid bond, and receiving licence as aforeſaid, are hereby allowed, not only to brew ſingle Ale at the price of twentie pennies the pynt, with the addition as aforeſaid, but alſo to brew double or three ſhilling Ale: provided that they who brew the double Ale, ſhal be obliged alſo to brew the ſingle Ale, in which caſe, the ſaids Lords have in ſo far diſpenſed with the ſaid Proclamation in the behalf of the ſaids Brewers upon the conſiderations foreſaids, untill the 1. day of *Auguſt* next to come, in this inſtant year, 1678 And whereas Malt-men and others, who take upon them to make Malt within the ſaids bounds do exact far greater rates, betwixt the price of the boll of Bear, and the boll of Malt, than what is allowed by the ancient Laws made in that behalf; The ſaids Lords do hereby diſcharge any perſon whatſomever within the ſaids bounds to make Malt, untill they find caution acted in the Books of Council, that they ſhall buy the Bear at the price foreſaid for this preſent year: and that they ſhal take no more but half a Merk betwixt the boll of Bear and the boll of Malt, conform to the Acts of Parliament, and obtain licence for that effect as aforeſaid, as they will be anſwerable on their perill. And in regard, that divers perſons within the City of *Edinburgh*, *Leith*, *Cannongate*, *Abby*, *Caldtoun*, *Craigend*, *Yeard-heads*, *New-haven*, *Pleaſants*, and *St. Ninians-raw*, who are Vintners of Wine, Cooks or Stablers, do both brew, and tap and ſell Ale and Drinking-beer browen by themſelves, whereby they may ſell their drink with greater advantage then other Brewers, and ſo may underſell the other brewers to their great hurt and prejudice; The ſaids Lords do hereby diſcharge any Vintners of Wine, Cooks or Stablers in the ſaids bounds, to vent or retail any Ale or Drinking-beer, or if they continue in retailing, to quite their brewing as they will be anſwerable at their perill. And whereas both Brewers, Vintners and the Leidges ſuſtain great dammage by the unequal meaſure of barrels, ſome being above meaſure, and ſome under, occaſioned chiefly by the neglect and fault of Coupers: The ſaids Lords do hereby ordain all Coupers that makes any brewers casks, to make their casks no bigger, than with the addition of a chopin to each Gallon: Ordaining every Couper to put his own mark upon his own work, that the contraveeners may be known; and that all casks already made, be juſted and made equal, betwixt and the firſt day of *May* next, as the ſaids Coupers and Brewers will be anſwerable at their perill. And ordains theſe preſents to be printed, and publiſhed at the Mercat Croſs of *Edinburgh*, and other places needful, that none pretend ignorance.

Al. Gibſon. Cl. Sti. Concilii.

GOD ſave the King.

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